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Terry Goddard Petitions U.S. Supreme Court on Voter ID Rules

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Oct. 13, 2006) Attorney General Terry Goddard today petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to allow Arizona to continue implementing the voter identification and registration rules contained in Proposition 200, approved by voters in 2004. The 30-page application was filed with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, the justice assigned to hear emergency petitions from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

On Monday, a two-judge panel for the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied the Attorney General's motion to reconsider the court's decision to place a hold on the voter rules. Earlier, U.S. District Court Judge Roslyn Silver ruled that Arizona could continue implementing the rules.

Unless the Supreme Court grants relief, the ID requirements for voting will not be in effect for the Nov. 7 general election. A copy of the application is attached.

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